

The Law of Giving
Proverbs 18:11

"The wicked man earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness will be certain to reap a reward." Proverbs 11:18

Principle: Whatever you sow - you will reap in life.

Nine laws of sowing and reaping:

1. Everything starts as a seed.

"Let the land have seed-bearing plants and trees that bear fruit with seed in it according to their varieties." Genesis 1:11

"Do not despise the day of small things." Zechariah 4:10

"Though what you start will seem small and insignificant, you'll end up in the future with much." Job 8:7

2. Nothing happens until the seed is planted.

"Jesus said, 'Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, it cannot reproduce. But if it dies, it will produce much fruit.'" John 12:24

3. Whatever I sow is what I will reap.

"Each is to reproduce after its own kind." Genesis 1:11

"Do not deceive yourselves. No one makes a fool of God. You will reap exactly what you plant in life." Galatians 6:7

"He who digs a pit will fall into it himself. He who rolls a stone will have it rolled back on him." Proverbs 26:27

"You planted wickedness and now you have reaped evil." Hosea 10:13

"You sow a thought, you reap an act. You sow an act, you reap a habit. You sow a habit, you reap a character. You sow your character, you reap a destiny."

4. I am not the only sower.

Principle: Everything you do has consequences.

"I sent you to reap where you did not plant; others had already done work before you and you will gather the harvest." John 4:38

5. I always reap in a different season than from when I sow.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to plant and a time to harvest....a time to scatter and a time to gather...." Ecclesiastes 3:1-5

6. I always reap more than I sow

“Some seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty and even a hundred times.” Mark 4:8

7. I can increase my harvest by planting more seed.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.” Proverbs 11:24

8. It is time to start planting now.

“Those who wait for perfect weather will never plant seeds; and those who look at every cloud will never reap a harvest.” Ecclesiastes 11:4

“Do your planting in the morning and in the evening, too! You never know whether it will all grow well or whether one planting will do better than the other.” Ecclesiastes 11:6

“For God, who supplies seed to the farmer and bread to eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so that you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest! Reaping a material harvest is appropriate if I have spiritual seed among you.” 2 Corinthians 9:10, 11

9. To reap the harvest, I must be patient and not give up.

“This is what the kingdom of God is like: A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.” Mark 4:26-28

“We must not become tired of doing good. We will reap a harvest at the right time if we do not give up!” Galatians 6:9

“Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest!” Psalms 126:5, 6

Prayer: “I will plant the seed and I WILL reap the harvest God grows!”